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PAUL AND STEPHENS SERVED A TOTAL OF 65 YEARS

## The Eris Paul and Lewey Stephens Building dedicated

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

Last Sunday afternoon, District Attorney Joel Folmar was beaming with pride as he presided over the dedication ceremonies of his or as he said, "the people of Coffee County's" new office building.

The new facility which is located behind the Enterprise Courthouse will, according to Folmar, allow the District Attorney's office to better serve the people of the county.

In naming the new facility the Eris F. Paul and Lewey Stephens, Jr. Building, two noted men-of-law in Coffee County and throughout the State of Alabama were honored.

Judge Eris F. Paul served the 12th Judicial Circuit as a judge for 24 years before retiring in 1976. He ran for the office unopposed each term after his initial election. Prior to being elected circuit judge, he had served as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit.

Paul also served as president of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association, was a member of the State Bar Commission, and he was selected as a member of the first Ethics Commission for the State of Alabama.

The judge also served on the University of Alabama's Board of Trustees from 1954 until 1975. A scholarship was established in his honor by the University of Alabama Law

School shortly before his death in 1989. Judge Paul's philosophy was "our purpose in life is to help our neighbors."

Lewey Stephens, Jr. served the 12th Judicial Circuit as District Attorney for 18 years. After his retirement in 1978, he served as a supernumerary district attorney for the state during which he earned the affectionate title of "Super DA."

Stephens, as a prosecutor, tried more cases, in more courthouses, in the state of Alabama, than any other man in the history of the state.

He was also instrumental in the clean-up of crime infested Phenix City, Alabama in the 1950's.

Judge Paul and Mr. Stephens gave a combined total of 65 years of faithful service to the judiciary system of Coffee County and the State of Alabama.

Alabama's Attorney General Jimmy Evans was the keynote speaker for the dedication service. He referred to Judge Paul and Lewey Stephens as his friends.

"I'm sure as you walk from time to time by this building, walk through this door and you look upon that plaque and see Judge Paul's and Lewey Stephens' name," said Evans, "you'll have fond memories of your association and recall things that you didn't know you remembered."

"They were two men who I looked to and who gave me help and guidance. Their lives were an inspiration to me in getting on the right track," said Evans.

Chairman of the Coffee County Commission, Bill Eagerton, read to those gathered the resolution which formally named the new DA's Office as The Eris F. Paul and Lewey Stephens, Jr. Building.

A copy of the resolution was presented to each of the families of Paul and Stephens. One copy will hang in the lobby of the new facility and portraits of each of the two men will hang in the library and conference room of the new building.

Accepting the resolution on the behalf of the Paul family was Jean Paul, wife of Paul; and Eris Bryan Paul, Paul's grandson. Mary Stephens, mother of Stephens; and Lewey Stephens III, Stephens' son accepted the resolution on behalf of the Stephens family.

The portraits were sketched by Ken Rigby of Dothan from pictures of Paul and Stephens furnished by each of the families.

Frames for the portraits were donated by Jay Porter of Enterprise "as a service to Coffee County."

Folmar noted his office had come a long way since first being located in the basement of Enterprise's city hall building.

Mr. John Flowers, the county's construction supervisor, and his

crew Ray Childs and Phil Rugg, were commended by Folmar for the professional and speedy manner in which the new facility was built. The

construction of the building took just over two months.

Folmar also stated that the construction of the new office building

had been a dream of Chief Investigator Bruce Devane and without his help, it would not have been possible.



RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED...Commission Chairman Eagerton and District Attorney Folmar presented the Paul and Stephens families with copies of the resolution officially naming the building in honor of Paul and Stephens. Pictured are (L-R): Lewey Stephens III, Mary Stephens, Folmar, Eagerton, Jean Paul, and Eris Bryan Paul.

ADAMS INQUIRES ABOUT TAX REVENUE

## County government holds celebration

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Wednesday morning, April 10, started off with a celebration. In

observance of National County Government Week (April 7-13), the commission, before entering into its regular business session, allowed different representatives of county government to briefly explain their

duties to those guests gathered in the Enterprise Courthouse courtroom.

Commission Chairman Billy Eagerton gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the commission office making note of the fact that the county has gone to computer systems for all of its record keeping.

Eagerton named over the new buildings that have been or are presently under construction - health department building, DHR facility, 120-bed county jail, mental health building, highway department office and several new buildings at the Farm Center.

"We're trying to be very active and move Coffee County forward," said Eagerton. "We just have an outstanding county."

County Extension agent Dan Presley named over seventeen different county agencies that serve the citizens of Coffee County.

Probate Judge Marion Brunson briefly explained the duties of his office and especially recognized his chief clerk in the Elba office, Neil Harvison, who has 34 years of service in the Probate Office.

Commissioner Ronnie Burns outlined to the group his duties in collecting the taxes from the citizens of the county and seeing that the figures were properly kept.

The program was concluded with a slide presentation by Coffee County Highway Engineer Mark Pool.

He showed how the county has purchased state surplus equipment, recouped it and is presently using it today.

"We have purchased more than 35 vehicles for less than \$35,000," said Pool. "If we had purchased this equipment new, it would have cost more than \$1 million."

Pool showed slides on the following: how road right-of-ways are being maintained using modern herbicides, new modern bridge construction on all roads, and how new maintenance and parts stocking techniques are saving the county thousands of dollars.

Chairman Eagerton, before inviting the guest to join the commission for refreshments, gave a special recognition to a group of local students who were present for the program.

After a brief interlude, the commission turned their attention to the agenda for the business portion of the meeting.

Dwight Adams, a member of the Taxpayers Defense Committee, was the first to appear before the commission. He inquired as to the amount of money that was collected when the 1/2¢ sales tax was imposed

for a brief period in 1989. Chairman Eagerton told Adams that he did not know how much money was collected or how much interest it has acquired, but he said those figures were public information and he (Adams) was welcome to them.

The tax was imposed for the purpose of funding the construction of a new jail, but was later ruled to be invalid on Jan. 4, 1990 by Covington County Circuit Court Judge William Baldwin. The judge's ruling was the results of a lawsuit being filed by the Taxpayers Defense Committee.

Probate Judge Marion Brunson came before the commission and once again the question of who would occupy the sheriff's offices in the Elba Courthouse once they were vacated. The offices will be moved to the new county jail complex in New Brockton once it is completed.

In their last meeting, the commissioners voted to allow Probation/Parole Officer Sara Smith to move her offices into the sheriff's offices once they are vacated.

Brunson stated that although he had not formally asked for the space, he said, he thought the space was already committed to his office. The sheriff's offices are on the second floor of the Elba Courthouse directly above the probate offices.

Commissioner Jim Duhose suggested that the possibility of the space being divided between the two offices, probate and probation/parole, be looked at before any plans are finalized.

On another note, Judge Brunson expressed his concern about the present and future condition of county records damaged by the March '90 flood. He stated that he had related to the state's U. S. Senators Heflin and Shelby of the need to microfilm the records and had asked that the Federal Emergency Management Agency fund the project. Brunson asked if the commissioner had received a response from EMA - they had not.

Commissioner Robert Stephens proposed to the commission that the new DHR (Department of Human Resources) building be named in honor of Jean L. Farris.

Mrs. Farris was the county's first welfare worker and she gave more than 30 years of service to Coffee County.

The commission agreed with Commissioner Stephens' request subject to state approval. The new facility is presently under construction on land adjacent to the new Sid Averett Health Building at the intersection of Co. Rd.48 and Al. Hwy.



Let's  
Pick It Up  
This  
Saturday



GRAND OPENING, RiCay Jewelers held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday officially opening its doors for business in Elba. Present for the ceremony were: (Pictured left to right) Gerald Tucker, SouthTrust Bank, Sue Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Joe Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Casey Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Pat Booth, Elba City Clerk; Daphne Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Doris Matthews, The Peoples Bank; Stephanie Sasser, Little Miss Elba; Jack E. Brunson, President of Elba Chamber of Commerce; (Richard Patterson of RiCay Jewelers was not present for the picture taking). The new business is located on the southside of the square in downtown Elba.

## School board okays 7 class periods

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

Elba High School students will have seven class periods a day instead of the present six, after the Elba School Board approved the change last week. Speaking for the change, Principal Charles Clark and Superintendent Charles Pearce explained the change would expose students to more subjects, better preparing them for college or work.

This also includes a program called GAP, for Graduation Assistance Program. It will allow time to help students identified as falling behind in a subject and help to prevent students from becoming a drop-out.

The School Board also accepted the recommendation of Pearce and amended the board policy to change the procedure on bidding of purchases of \$5,000 or more.

All purchases which are subject to the Alabama state bid law will be opened in the Superintendent's office and will require bid bonds.

The board also approved a school calendar for school year 1991-92. Eight student field trips were approved for the month of April.

Board members were told that tenured teachers had been given "Intent to Return" forms to sign if they intended to teach in Elba next year. Non-tenured teachers were given the usual non-renewal of contract letter.

GOVERNOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION

## Public School Week is proclaimed

Governor Guy Hunt has proclaimed April 22-26, 1991, as "Public School Week" in Alabama. The State Board of Education has endorsed the week by official resolution and local schools are making efforts to recognize its teachers, administration, students and staff during this commemorative week.

Elba Mayor Fred Moore (seated, center) is pictured with Mrs. Dixie Dorney (seated-left), President of Elba Education Association; Mrs. Sara Sharpless (seated-right), Principal of Elba Elementary School; Mr. Charles Pearce (standing-left), Superintendent of Education; and Mr. Charles Clark (standing-right), Principal of Elba High School. He endorses the Governor's proclamation and declares April 22-26 "Public School Week" in Elba.

Even though our local schools are in temporary facilities at this time, they will be celebrating this week in various ways. On Wednesday, April 24, 1991, teachers that have retired from the Elba system will be invited to come and enjoy refreshments in the principal's office at the elementary school and high school beginning at 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Teachers and staff appreciation day will be Friday, April 26. On this

### \* FOR YOUR INFO \*

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SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, April 20, 1991 has been designated by Gov. Guy Hunt as State-wide Clean-up Day. Everyone is being asked to cooperate in this event sponsored by PALS (People Against A Littered State). All adopt-a-mile participants along the state's highways are asked to clean-up their area. It's clean-up day in Elba too. Trash bags will be made available by the city and can be picked-up at the old high school building downtown beginning at 8 a.m.  
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COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton City Council will be meeting, Monday, April 22, 1991 in the council chamber in city hall. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Dr. Mitch Purvis, the eye doctor, knows first hand the power of false rumors. Recently he had scheduled patients canceling appointments, etc. because they had heard about his serious heart attack! Mitch said the rumor got so hot, it was even announced in a church in his hometown of New Brockton. The fact is he isn't had any heart attack of any kind. If our readers had been us recently in a nearby restaurant and seen the amount of food he was eating... there would have been no question about the ticking of his ticker. He is more than this country boy, walks away thin and trim while we gained at least a half pound that night! Why? Anyway, if you see him lying on the floor, don't roll him over and immediately start mouth-to-mouth. He is probably just looking for someone's contact lens that dropped to the floor.

Fishermen and politicians both have been known to stretch the truth. When you get a lifelong fisherman who becomes a politician, then brother you have to be ready for almost anything. Even that knowledge didn't prepare us for a recent story from Elba Mayor Fred Moore. He returned from a fishing trip last week all tanned and smiling so we naturally asked if the trip was successful. His answer was, "We put the first two we caught on a stringer, tied it to the front of the boat and let them pull us around the rest of the day, then we began concentrating on the big ones!" We just drove off without any further comment.

The Alabama Legislature is in session again. We will hold our breath until they adjourn, hoping there are no real terrible bills passed. We expect to see some new tax bills introduced again this year. It seems a new tax is much easier to sell the voters than any cut in benefits or economic moves to trim the many pounds of fat from the budgets. They will sell us about all the benefits we will get from the new taxes, but slide over any details of how they are utilizing the existing taxes already there to solve these same problems. That is just the way the system works.

Considering the terrible way the people of Iraq are being treated (and killed) we suspect the U. S. military and allies should have kept going until more of the Iraqi military might was destroyed. That is something we say with 20/20 hindsight because we sighed a sigh of relief when they announced an end to the fighting. But we would have been exchanging Iraqi dead for American dead in a battle which is between people who have fought each other throughout recorded time. Also let us note these Americans doing the loudest talking about "our mistake of stopping" were by and large the ones who said before the cease fire that we were overstepping our authority... slaughtering people who couldn't defend themselves, etc. Sounds to us like we have a bunch of folks who are good at complaining but little else. Plus these same folks can never pass a live microphone or TV camera without voicing their opinion.

Last week we had some comments about Heddy's son-in-law to be, etc. A large number of our readers have tried to convince us that he belongs to us both. What you don't understand is that the sympathy in this guy is getting more and more not for getting married, but reportedly because of the possibility of having this old grouchy for a father-in-law. Therefore as long as we refuse to acknowledge him, he is apparently better off. Anyway Saturday is the big day - wish us luck as we go kicking and screaming down the aisle.

We did a lot of talking last week about good food and would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge that jar of delicious figs Mrs. Lena Fuller brought us a couple of weeks ago. The flood got her, like a lot of other folks, and her children moved her into a home in New Brockton but she comes back to Elba often and one day left us the jar of figs... but they ain't here no more.

You will notice in our Letters column that former resident Mrs. Catherine King Jones, of Weirton, West Virginia, is having a birthday Friday. We urge her friends to drop her a note and wish this loyal reader many more.

Also we talked with Mrs. Hanna Coleman Saturday as she celebrated her 100th birthday with more relatives than either of us could count! Family members could tell us how many grandchildren she had but not great-grandchildren. Mrs. Coleman noted that there was "over a hundred" great-grandchildren twenty years ago when her husband died.

## Area Deaths

### GLADYS M. MILLER

Gladys Marie Miller, 50, died Wednesday, April 10, 1991 in an Opp Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Friday, April 12, 1991 at the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. end William L. Goodson officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Roland James Miller, Sr., three daughters, Valda Newsome of Enterprise, Vickie Day of Sanson, Retia Hatway of Elba, one son, Roland J. Miller, Jr., her mother, Willa Dean Pace of Clanton, Al., three sisters, Louise Ray of Clanton, Al., Dorothy Nell Price and Teresa Adams of Thorsby, Al.; one brother, Douglas Scott of Thorsby, Al.; 3 grandchildren.

### EVELYN C. KELLEY

Evelyn Christine Kelley, 53, of Elba died Saturday, April 14, 1991, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 1991 at the Elba First Baptist Church with Dr. Wiley Richards officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, James I. Kelley of Elba, one son, James (Buster) Matthew Kelley of Elba; her mother, Eva Mae Matthews of Elba; one sister, Jennell Thomas of Ft. Rucker; and one brother, Joel O. Matthews of Elba.

### ONYX R. CUTTS

Onyx R. Cutts, 45, died April 13, 1991. Funeral services were Tuesday, April 16, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. Burial followed in Meadowlawn Cemetery with Rev. Al Beers officiating.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Jo Ann Cutts, Enterprise; two sons, Onyx Ryan Cutts, Dothan and Christopher Mitchell E. Cutts, Elba; two step-children, Tamara and Eric Miller of Enterprise; two brothers, Mr. Larry Cutts, Enterprise and Mr. Tony R. Cutts, Dothan.

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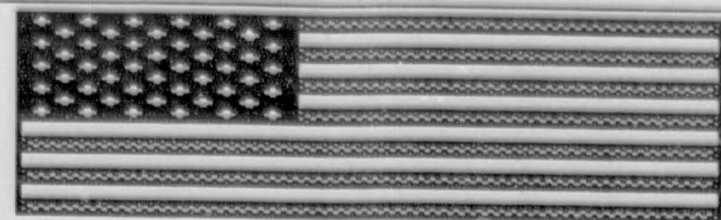
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The following names were given to The Elba Clipper of people from Elba or who have family here and were called to serve their country in Saudi Arabia:

They Are:

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Ronnie Williams  
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Troy Kelley  
Willie Frank Robinson  
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Dale Sansom  
Sammy Davis  
Gerald Mauldin  
Mike Hill  
John R. Cain Jr.  
Cpl Sharon Siler Hoover

Please let us know of other names we need to add or delete from this list which is updated weekly.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department during the week beginning Tuesday, April 9, 1991, investigated the following incidents: seven assaults, two harassments, one resisting arrest, four thefts, one m.s.-ing person, two DULs, one VPL, one criminal trespass, one forgery.

Arrests made during the same period of time were as follows: one for attempting to elude, one for reckless driving, one for resisting arrest, two for criminal mischief, two for assault, six for speeding, one for theft, one for driver's license required, three for DUI, one for driving on the wrong side of the road, one for VPL, one for switched tag, and one for receiving stolen property.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, APR. 9 - Rescue run to Morrow Village (10:55 a.m.); Wreck on Al-203 (11:10 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10 - Alarm at Reserve Center (2:43 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Claxton Ave. (3:11 a.m.); Burglary at residence on Packing House Road (3:32 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APR. 11 - Rescue run to Hawkins-Williams Park (4:44 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, APR. 12 - Fight on Adams St. (3:36 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, APR. 13 - Rescue run to residence on Reynolds St. (7:40 a.m.); Alarm at Dr. Dyess office (9:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, APR. 14 - Rescue run to Clark Sub-division (1:26 a.m.); Wreck in Big Bear Farking lot (3:04 p.m.); Rescue run to Beaver Dam

**Bulletin Board**  
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4 p.m.  
JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thurs - 7 p.m.  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th  
Mondays - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30  
p.m. - Ranch House Restaurant  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st  
Thurs - 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30  
p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy  
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p.m. - Fire Station  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues - 5:15  
p.m. - City Hall  
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Mondays - 7 p.m.  
AA - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sun 6 p.m. - 777  
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## We Get Letters.....

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your prompt attention in my renewal notice for Catherine King Jones, formerly of Weirton, who now resides in Weirton, W. Va.

As a gift to my mother, I always renew her subscription to the Clipper on an annual basis for her birthday, April 19. Since so many people who are formerly from the Elba-New Brockton area circulate and enjoy the Clipper in the Weirton, W. Va. area, could you please acknowledge my Mother's birthday.

In addition, I would like to mention a point of interest. This year the JONES FAMILY REUNION will be held in Weirton, W. Va. during the July 4th weekend. Many of the members of the Jones family and a host of friends will attend this reunion. The Jones family from Elba,

New Brockton, Dothan, Birmingham, etc. will flock to Weirton this year. It will be a wonderful celebration as the family gets together and discusses their roots from Elba. The first Jones Reunion since Lovie Jones died was held in your fine city approximately 6 years ago at Rudolph and Porchia Jones' house. It was talked about for years. The great pig roast and warmth of their church friends who baked and served and spoiled all parties with their friendly hospitality. If you could mention this 1991 in Weirton it would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and continued success to your excellent newspaper.

Sincerely,  
Mary C. Myers  
Gahanna, Ohio

## Spring Dress Sale

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MONDAY, APR. 15 - Rescue run to Kennedy Estates (9:14 a.m.); Alarm at National Guard Armory (12:54 p.m.).

APRIS. (9:35 p.m.).

Buckle Up

## Crenshaw Christian Academy

Announces

# PARENT & PROSPECTIVE PARENT RECEPTION

Parents interested in Crenshaw Christian Academy and registering their children for the 1991 - 1992 school year are invited to a Reception where new programs for the next school year will be discussed. Also present programs will be discussed including:

- Advanced Placement Courses
- College Preparatory and Standard Diplomas
- Computer Programming
- Computer Literacy - Grammar School
- Summer Reading Program
- Pee-Wee, Junior and Varsity Sports

The Reception is scheduled in the school library on Monday, April 22nd, and will be for parents and students of K-4 through 12th.

Registration for the 1991-1992 school year will be conducted after a short program. The campus will be open for inspection. Teachers and Administrators will also be available to answer questions.

\*Parents of Kindergarten and 1st Grade students will particularly want to attend to see the Writing To Read Computer Lab. Writing To Read is an IBM developed computer program designed to enhance writing and reading skills.

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## Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 9 through April 13, 1991.

They were: Shirley Vessey, Clara Dozier, Clyde Daugherty, Irene Brown, Odell Sturdivant, Jimmy Young, William Kelley, Billy Berry, Lois Edwards, David Parks, Lillian Horstead, Dixie Maddox, Jane Hodge, Nellie Phillips, Fletcher Hodge, Becky Free.

Those discharged during the same period of time were Louise Powell, Kenneth Hendricks, Eunice Lowery, Kristie Rancon, Franchon Hardin, Barbara Smith, Clara Dozier, Bonard Bowers, Shirley Vessey, Carlton Larkins, Ann Mae Daniels, Odell Sturdivant, David Parks.

## We Get Letters....

Dear Ferrin,

IT IS 100 FOR HANNA (LEE) COLEMAN! Mrs. Coleman, who has lived in Elba for the past 40 years, turned 100 on April 13. Saturday and Sunday were spent celebrating the event under a big tent in the front yard of her home with a multitude of friends and relatives.

She and her husband sold out and moved to Elba from a large farm they operated in their native Barbour County when she was about 60 years old "because our son lived here." Her husband died 20 years ago. The couple had 12 children, nine of them still living. Mrs. Coleman has 35 grandchildren and said "I can't count all the great-grandchildren." Six of the children live in Elba, one in Dothan, one in New York and the other one is still in Clayton.

She still goes to church when she feels like it and "I feel like it most of the time... I don't skip." Her pastor from Greater New Zion confirmed that she is real faithful with her church attendance.

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Annual Green Livingston "Ruff" Family Reunion

On Saturday, April 13, 1991, Mrs. Lucy Lanier, age 96, hosted the Annual Green Livingston "Ruff" Gaines Family Reunion at her home on Dunham Avenue in Elba, Alabama. The "New York Boys", as Aunt Lucy so affectionately refers to her late brother Joseph B. Gaines' sons, were the special guests for this momentous occasion.

Those enjoying a delicious meal and time of fellowship were: Aunt Lucy's nephews, John Gaines, his wife Grace; Roy Gaines, his wife Renee, their daughters, Kathleen, Karen and Patricia Gaines McGuire, her sons, Brian, Joseph, and Michael Larkins, Ann Mae Daniels, Odell Sturdivant, David Parks.

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Thank you for your consideration and continued success to your excellent newspaper.

Sincerely,  
Mary C. Myers  
Gahanna, Ohio

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## Student Spotlight



by Kenya Hammond

**Katonya Peterson** is a 14 year old freshman at EHS. She plays baritone in the Marching Tiger Band and has participated in the band for two years. Katonya also plays catcher for the Elba Lady Tigers. Her hobbies include taking on the phone, playing softball, and being with friends. Katonya is a member of PHA and attends Bethlehem Baptist Church. She plans to attend college after graduation.

**Wendy Boudreau** is a 13 year old and in the 7th grade. She plays clarinet in the seventh grade intermediate band and pitches on the Lady Tigers Softball Team. Her hobbies include playing softball and swimming. Wendy is a member of SADD and Jr. Beta Club and after graduation she plans to attend college.

**Oshea Jones** is a 15 year old freshman at Elba High. He is a member of the Marching Tiger Band where he plays bass drum. His hobbies are playing basketball, biking, and collecting baseball cards. Oshea is a member of PHA and attends Bethlehem Baptist Church. He also plans to attend college after graduation.

**Jonathan Lawrence** is a 17 year old junior at EHS. He is a member of PHA, FBLA, and attend Oak Grove Baptist Church. Jonathan's hobbies include playing football, basketball, baseball, and swimming. Jonathan plays center field for the Elba Baseball Team and is a member of the Elba Football Team. Amanda plans to attend Florida State University and become an environmental biologist.

## Elba Tigers Hold Annual Football Banquet

This year's 1990 football team held their annual Football Banquet at the NCO Club at Ft. Rucker. Coach Wood was the Master of Ceremonies. After dinner was served, Mrs. Oggs introduced the cheerleaders and presented each one with a plaque. The cheerleaders then presented Mrs. Oggs with a plaque of appreciation. Coach Wood announced that the players for the 1991 team had not arrived, but the players will receive their plaques when they arrive.

Coach Kennedy introduced the defensive backs and running backs and said a few words about the players. Coach Lowery introduced the defensive ends and linebackers. Coach Lowery stated that this group of players made a heck of a play in the Dallas County game on the ten yard line which prevented Dallas County from scoring even though the game was lost. Coach Boudreau introduced the linemen. Coach Boudreau will be leaving the Coaching Staff going to Smith Station as head coach. Coach Raybern introduced the defensive linemen. He also thanked Kevin Killingsworth for helping the team and being trainer. Coach Wood introduced the Managers and presented them with a plaque. Coach Wood also introduced the Team Captains for the year. They are Ronald

## Students Win At Math Contest



## Varsity Baseball

The Elba High School Varsity Baseball team has come on strong lately. The year is half way over and the Tigers have boasted a 9-4 record. Over the last couple of weeks the Tigers have won two very important area games over Luverne and Slocum turning their area record to 2-1. During the AEA holidays, the Tigers were in a tournament in Ozark where they placed second in the four team event. Early in the season the pitching of the Tigers was weak, but behind the pitching of Hayden Young and Chad Dawkins the pitching has greatly improved. The hitting of the Tigers has been the strong point for the Tigers all year long. David Rowe, Marcus Tyson, and Hayden Young have been the most consistent hitters over the season. The Baseball Tigers have six games left to come out and support these young men.

## Interesting Facts

Of all the cities in the world today, the one that has been continuously inhabited the longest time is Damascus, Syria.

Can you name the 3 largest states in area in the U. S. after Alaska and Texas? They are California, Montana and New Mexico.

The man who wrote the beautiful melody "Taps," Daniel Butterfield, never wrote another song before or after that.

America's most popular food-hamburger-is named after the city of Hamburg, Germany.

The press is often referred to as the "Fourth Estate"—but what are the first 3 estates? In feudal times, the first was the nobility; the second was the clergy; the third, property owners.

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## BLOOD DRIVE At E.H.S.

by Julius Peterson, FFA reporter

The Elba FFA is sponsoring their annual Blood Drive, to be held Friday, April 19, at the National Guard Armory on Larkins Road. If you are interested in donating blood, please contact Elba High School at 897-2266 for an appointment.

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## Counselor's Corner

by Amy Osburn

\*Enterprise State Junior College cheerleader tryouts will be held May 8 at 4:00 a.m. Practice will be held April 29, May 7. Scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available from the Guidance Counselor at ESJC. For additional information, contact Patsy Chalker at ESJC.

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## Spring Break of 1991 Remembered

by Charla Pearce

Spring Break of '91 held wonderful memories for all of us. Many families used the vacation time for a family trip or to catch up on some much needed rest. Whereas, most students spent their spring break at the beach, Panama City Beach set a record in '91 attracting more tourists than ever before. Elba High students definitely held their own at PC this Spring Break. Yet, as a senior, Spring break was a time to realize that these times are coming to a close. Looking back, I recall many beach trips taken when I was much younger and how things have changed.

I can remember Spring Break of my 7th grade year. The highlight of the trip was going to Miracle Strip to meet guys. I then looked on the Spring Break trips when I felt I had to prove my maturity to my other friends. I felt like I had to impress to be included. These years I got in trouble. Then I look back on Spring Break of the past 2 years. Everyone has set their own standards now. Spring Break has become a schoolwide vacation and a time to built up hours of sleep when I spent the weekend at the beach. We've passed the Miracle Strip stage and the ensuing chaperones will be on their way to Washington D.C. They will travel all night and arrive in Washington D.C. at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). At 2:15 the band will take an orientation tour of the official business district. The district includes such sights as the Federal Triangle, the National Archives Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Capitol Building. They will then visit the Air and Space Building at 3:30 p.m. They will enjoy dinner at the Old Post Office Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. They will end the day Friday with a spectacular nighttime view of Washington D.C. from the top of the Washington Monument.

## Energy Conservation Contest



## Minor But Major

by Juan Carpenter and Ronald McKinnon

The 1990-91 B-team baseball team is considered to be the Elba High School minor league. Don't let the name minor league fool you, because they have major league talent and are coached by a talented coach, LeRoy Boudreau. The J.V. baseball team is ready to show their talent to the people of Elba and the surrounding towns. They are led by pitchers Greg Driggers, Keith Grantham, Greg Thigpen, and Joe Donaldson. The rest of the members of the team are: Hunter Hudson, Brian Reed, Chris Parrish, Kevin Bryan, Lance McCullough, Vince Thigpen, Perry Stinson, Kenneth Adkins, Jason Free, Brett Benbow, Bryce Phillips, and Rex Oggs. Support our team but major league J.V. Tigers. That's all until next time. See Ya.

## Six Vie For Miss Elba Title

by Kristi Oggs

The 1991 Miss Elba Pageant will be held on April 20 in the Westside Baptist Church gym. Admission for the pageant is \$3.00 per person.

## Keep Up The Spirit Girls

by Jim Goodson

Many have noticed the newly organized girls softball team at EHS has gotten off to a rough start. After dropping their first six games of the season, many people have written off the beginning. What they do not know is those six losses represent only 1/6 of the entire season. The girls team is still very young and it will take a little time to get the team is not the only inexperienced part of the squad. The coaching staff, which consists of Morgan Boyd and John Jacobs is just getting its feet wet in coaching and maybe it will get worse before it get better. The coaches are rather intelligent people though, and this writer is sure that these two can still turn their first six games of the season into times rough for all coaches in the beginning because the team and the coaches have to learn what is expected from one another. This on the other hand, seem not to be a problem because both coaches are not arrogant, but very easy going and the team itself works well together.

So don't give up on the girls because the team and coaches have just begun to fight.

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## Cosmetologist Visits FHA

by Leann Hinson

Kelli Adkinson and Dandy Rushing, cosmetologists from LeDon Stylz in Enterprise, recently visited Zion Chapel's Future Homemakers of America (FHA). These cosmetologists introduced the "hotter" fashions, hairstyles, and make-up to the FHA members.

New hairstyles modeled during the meet were zool-knits, up-sweeps, soft bangs, and "scruffy" styles.

Members were told how to shop for makeup to fit their complexion and clothes that seemed to "fit" them.

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## Z. C. Band Takes Trip To Washington D. C.

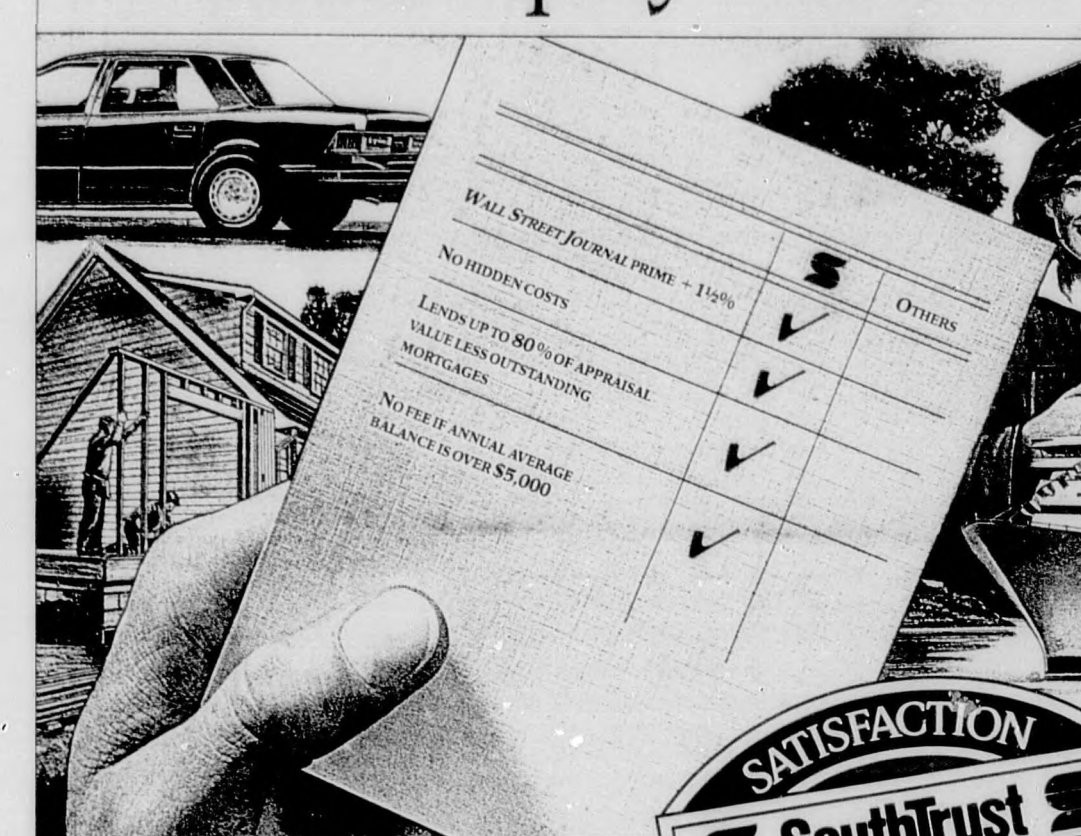
by Stacey Black

At approximately 8:30 p.m. tonight, the members of the Rebel Band and their chaperones will be on their way to Washington D.C. They will travel all night and arrive in Washington D.C. at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). At 2:15 the band will take an orientation tour of the official business district. The district includes such sights as the Federal Triangle, the National Archives Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Capitol Building. They will then visit the Air and Space Building at 3:30 p.m. They will enjoy dinner at the Old Post Office Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. They will end the day Friday with a spectacular nighttime view of Washington D.C. from the top of the Washington Monument.



Band Director Amanda Ford makes last minute plans for the band's trip to Washington D.C.

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## SGA Student Of The Month

by Marsha Davis

Donna Holcomb was recently chosen Student of the Month by the Student Government Association for the month of April. She says that she is honored to be chosen out of so many students who have accomplished just as much. Donna has also earned the title of Valedictorian of her graduating class.

When asked what she would tell students who wonder if trying to make good grade pays off, Donna answered, "You should keep your grades up, not for earning the title of having the highest grades but for yourself. It gives you something to strive for. But always do your best, even if it isn't an A."

Donna plans to attend Troy State University and major in Business/Finance.



## Lady Rebels Win Over Lady Tigers

by Marie Jackson

A 25-17 win over the Elba Tigers gave the Lady Rebels their first victory of the season.

The Lady Rebels played their second game of the season against the Elba Tigers. The beginning of the game was not going well for the Lady Rebels. At the end of the second inning the Rebels were down by fourteen points. Junior player LaShonda Rodgers said, "I thought things were going to be tough, but when the boys on our baseball team came to watch us play they gave us extra spirit we needed to take the victory." With the Rebel Baseball team cheering, the girls started to make a comeback. By the end of the fourth inning the Lady Rebels had taken the lead with a score of 17 to 15. The final score was 25 to 17.

The starting line up included Falcit Littlefield, pitcher; Donna Bell, catcher; Laura Archie, first baseman; Niki Pilcher, second baseman; Sandra Carney, short stop; LaShonda Rodgers, third baseman; Sharon Rodgers, left field; Camille Haynes, short field; Denise Flowers, center field; and Kacia Griffin, right field. The Lady Rebels hit several home runs. Falcit Littlefield hit two home runs. LaShonda Rodgers and Donna Bell hit one each and Sharon Rodgers hit two. The end of the game Sharon was substituted at pitcher. Mrs. Beverly Liptrot, the coach, said, "I am proud of the girls. They really came through for each other at the end. I hope they continue to play well together and win more games."

## Filipino Speaks To History Classes

by Pam Coleman

Jim and Mary Lochridge, missionaries to the Philippines, recently visited to talk to the American History classes taught by Mrs. Rachel Bryan. They also spoke to the members of the Spanish Club at their monthly meeting.

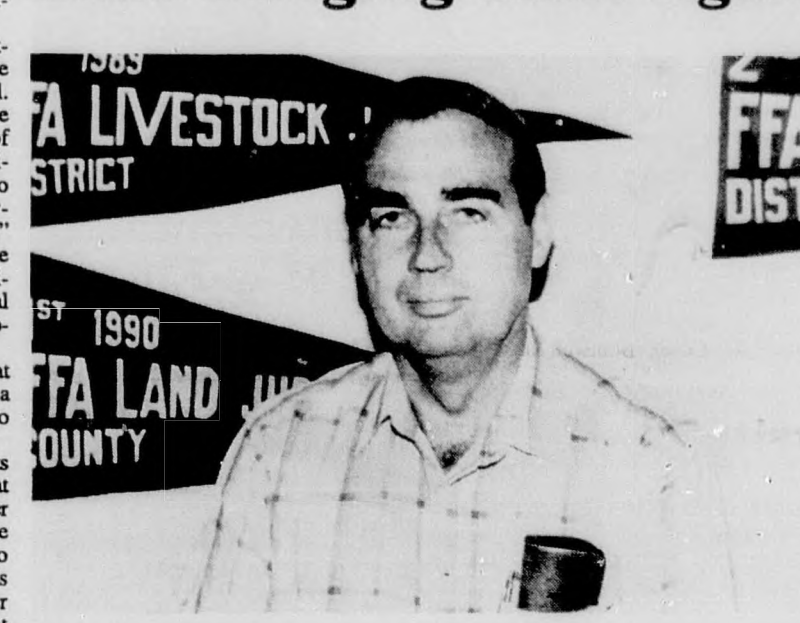
Mr. and Mrs. Lochridge, originally from Albany, Georgia, have spent twenty-seven years in the Philippines before retiring. The Lochridges were in Coffee County as part of the Coffee County Baptist Association's Missionary Revival.

The Lochridges' told many interesting facts about the Filipino people. The average Filipino is about 5 ft. 3 in. tall. Mr. Lochridge said that the people were gradually getting a little taller because of the improvement in nutrition and medicine. "If I could have found a Filipino that was 5 ft. 10 in. tall I would have given him a scholarship to play basketball," joked Mr. Lochridge. (During part of the time that Mr. Lochridge was in the Philippines he served as president of a local college in the southern part of the Philippines on the island of Mindanao.)

Mr. Lochridge told the students that the basic unit of Filipino money was a peso. He said that it took 28 pesos to equal one American dollar.

Mr. Lochridge gave a few main facts about the islands themselves. He said that the Philippines were made up of over 7,000 islands and that they stretch more than 4,000 miles from north to south. The temperature of the islands is over 70 degrees all year. If it gets cooler than 70 degrees, the Filipinos think that the weather is cold.

## Land Judging Time Again



Agribusiness Instructor Harold Stewart directs the activities of the Zion Chapel Land Judging Team.

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Wednesday - Hoagie or Steak Sandwich, French fries, Whole kernel corn, Fresh fruit and Canned fruit, Milk, Jello - Bonus.  
Thursday - Chicken pot pie or Chili dog, June peas, Baked beans, Fresh fruit and Canned fruit, Milk.  
Friday - Pizza or Turkey Tetrazzini, Butter beans, French fries, Fresh and canned fruit, Milk, - Rice Krispie Treat - Bonus.

## Rebel News Staff Gets Info From The Moultrie Observer

by Stephanie Adkison

Previously THE REBEL NEWS has reported a story about Zion Chapel students wearing POW bracelets and about how they came to find out about these bracelets.

When the American POW's were released from Iraq, naturally the students who had worn a POW bracelet with the name of Guy Hunter, Jr. imprinted, wanted to know more about the man himself.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, newspaper sponsor, call THE ELBA CLIPPER and asked Mr. Marvin McIlwain and Mr. Fern Cox how to find out about these bracelets.

When Mrs. Bryan was given the number of the Georgia Press Association, this Association gave Mrs. Bryan the number for THE MOULTRIE OBSERVER, which is the hometown newspaper for CWO Hunter, Jr.

When Mrs. Bryan called the OBSERVER and asked them to send THE REBEL NEWS any clippings of stories the OBSERVER had printed about Guy Hunter, Jr. What followed is what THE REBEL NEWS found out about CWO Guy Hunter, Jr. from these clippings.

Guy Hunter, Jr. enlisted in the Marines immediately after graduation from Moultrie High School in 1962. He flew four tours in Vietnam, and has plans to retire in June. Guy Hunter, Jr., his wife, Mary, and their three children are originally from Moultrie, Georgia. He has served 29 years in the Marines.

Hunter, Jr. is loved and respected by his friends and family. His former classmates showed their support by organizing Guy Hunter Day. Many speeches about patriotism were given and a number of patriotic songs were sung. Hunter's father said that the "biggest thrill in my life was hearing 'Let Freedom Ring,' sung by Herman Hampton of the Mount Olive Baptist Church."

Guy Hunter, Jr., chief warrant officer, and Lt. Col. Clifford Acree were flying a Marine OV-10 Bronco, turbo-prop observation plane that supports other combat aircraft, when they were shot down in southern Kuwait. Hunter, Jr. and Acree were two of 15 Americans released by the Iraqi government.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

I may never eat chicken again! I don't know if it has anything to do with it, but I may swear off chicken entirely after watching Melissa wiggle and hunch for the past several days with the chicken pox. Most of the kids in her class at school had already gone through the disease and I was foolish enough to think that she'd get lucky and not get it. Well, I was wrong...she got it...and right now I don't even want to look at a chicken.

## ELBA TIGERS GET BACK IN AREA TITLE CHASE

The Elba Tigers had their backs to the wall last week when they hit the road for Area 2 clashes with Slocomb and Rehobeth, but came back breathing a little easier after blanking Slocomb 8-0 and outscoring Rehobeth 9-7 to go 3-1 in Area play and move into a tie for first place in the league standings with Rehobeth. Elba has made it to the state tourney for several straight years and even though this year's team was expected to be down slightly, everyone kind of took it for granted that it would make it again. The early season loss to Rehobeth knocked the Tigers for a loop; however, and now every game is important. If the Tigers will continue to play like they did last week, they should be all right.

In the win over Slocomb, pitcher Hayden Young tossed his second shut-out of the season and completely baffled the Red Top batters. Young certainly isn't the biggest player on the team, but he has developed into a top pitcher and has always been on of the top infielders. While the Elba bats didn't boom in the win, back-to-back home-runs by Eric Simmons and Marcus Tyson got the Tigers rolling in the third inning and key hits down the stretch enabled the Tigers to pull away.

The 9-7 win over Rehobeth got the Tigers back in the Area 2 chase, and in it the bats of Marcus Tyson, Shane Blanton, Shawn Diehl and David Rowe all boomed and led the Tigers to the win. The hitting of the quartet played a big part in the win, but the real star of the game was Mark Magwood, who came in in relief and shutdown Rehobeth over the final three innings. Magwood used his sidearm delivery to keep the Rehobeth batters off the plate and came through when needed the most.

Elba is still not an excellent team and probably won't be one this season due to obvious weaknesses on the mound; however, the Tigers are scrappy and will battle and all challenges until the final pitch is thrown. That winning attitude may very well be the key to the Tigers making it to state!



JAMIE BROCKTON caught these bream and big bass near Opp in a private pond. He was using a Rapala with an Ambassador 5000.

## Junior Tigers to hold intrasquad game Thursday

The Elba Junior High Tigers will conclude spring football drills to-night (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m., when the annual "Black and Gold" intrasquad game is held at Miller Stadium.

All football fans are encouraged to attend the annual event and support the Elba Junior High athletic program.

## Elba Umpires to meet Sunday night in Elba

The Elba Umpires Association will meet on Sunday night, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.

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For more information contact Ricky Mularz at 897-6833.

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## SPORTS

## Elba Tigers get back in Area 2 title hunt

The Elba Tigers claimed their second straight win last week on the road as they defeated Slocomb 8-0 and Rehobeth 9-7 to move into a tie for first place in the four-team Area race.

The wins upped the Tigers' record to 10-4 overall, 3-1 in Area action, and put the Tigers in position to claim their second straight Area title.

"We played much better defensively and hit the ball well in both wins," stated Elba's Coach David Lowery. "Our defense had really become weak in the middle of the season and had cost up a couple of games, but last week against Slocomb we played like we are capable and two wins were the results. Hayden Young had an excellent game, pitching against Slocomb and got his second shut-out of the year and then, against Rehobeth, Mark Magwood came in with us in trouble and pitched three scoreless innings in relief."

"Our hitting went into a slump during a two week span," added Lowery, "but we worked hard at practice and the bats have come back to life. If the batters will continue hitting the ball and our defense holds up, we could come back and surprise some folks."

Following are highlights of last week's action:

**ELBA 9 SLOCOMB 0**  
Hayden Young tossed a 2-hit shut-out and struck out 9 batters to spark the Elba Tigers to an important 9-0 win over the Slocomb Red Tops, Tuesday night at Slocomb.

Neither team threatened in the opening two innings; however, the Tigers' bats came to life in the third as Elba scored 3 runs to take the lead for good.

Kyle Dubose got a one-out single to start the rally, while a two-run home-run by Eric Simmons gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead, and Marcus Tyson followed with a solo home-run to up the Elba lead to 3-0.

The Tigers got only three hits in the fourth inning, but combined the hits with three walks and a hit batted in to plate 5 runs and grab a solid 8-0 advantage.

Shawn Diehl was hit by a pitch to open the inning, moved to second when Tommy Young drew a one-out walk and then trotted to third when Eric Simmons reached base on a two-out walk.

A walk to Marcus Tyson with the bases loaded forced in Diehl with the first run of the inning, and Hayden Young then cleaned the bases with a 3-run double that gave the Tigers a 7-0 lead in the crucial Area battle.

Young later scored on an rbi single by Shane Blanton and going into the bottom of the fourth the Tigers were in complete control with an 8-0 lead over the homestanding Red Tops.

The Tigers added an insurance run in the sixth when Eric Simmons singled and later scored on an error off the bat of Hayden Young, and then rode the arm of Young to post the impressive 9-0 win.

Eric Simmons got 2 hits, including a home-run, and scored 3 runs to pace the Tigers at the plate, while Marcus Tyson added a home-run and scored twice.

Young limited the Red Tops to only 2 hits, while walking 2 and striking out 9.

**ELBA 17 REHOBETH 9**  
The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 8-4 lead and held on the pitch behind the picking of Mark Magwood to knock off the Rehobeth Rebels 9-7, Thursday afternoon at Dothan.

Marcus Tyson drew a walk to open the game for the Tigers and scored on an rbi double by Shane Blanton as Elba grabbed a quick 1-0 lead.

Consecutive singles by Shawn Diehl, David Rowe and Ronald Thigpen resulted in two additional runs for the Tigers, and by the time the opening frame ended Elba was out to an early 3-0 advantage!

Rehobeth answered in the bottom of the inning with 3 runs to pull even at 3-3, but the Tigers' bats were still very much alive and Elba added 3 more runs in the second to go ahead 6-3.

A one-out single by Eric Simmons started the second inning rally, and Simmons scored when Marcus Tyson followed with a double to put the Tigers back on top 4-3.

Hayden Young reached on a walk and stole second to put runners on second and third, and Shawn Diehl then delivered as he came through with a clutch two-out single that drove in both Tyson and Young and put the Tigers on top 6-3!

The Tigers got only three hits in the fourth inning, but combined the hits with three walks and a hit batted in to plate 5 runs and grab a solid 8-0 advantage.

Shane Blanton reached on a two-out error to ignite the Tigers and scored instantly as Shawn Diehl followed with an rbi double. David Rowe singled in Diehl and the Tigers appeared to be in command with a big 8-4 lead.

A double by Jackie Whitfield knocked in Baker, while a single by April Whitfield made it 13-2, and Whitfield later scored on a hit by Deann Miller to give the Lady Tigers a whopping 14-2 advantage in only the third inning!

Susan Johnson reached on a fielder's choice and scored on an rbi single by Amy Baker in the fourth to up the final margin of victory 9-7.

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## A Clear Choice

By Reverend James K. Byrd

Have you ever thought about what God thinks of you? Why He created you in the first place? There are some that say God created us because He was lonely and needed companionship, but I do not think so. I think God created us because He enjoyed His "aliveness" so much that He wanted to share it. Life was simply too good for God to keep to Himself. God did not set the world in motion because He wanted something for Himself but to give something of Himself to us.

When God created you, He gave you worth. When God looked over His prize creation, He saw that it was good; furthermore, because we were made in His image, we had and have worth. You do not have to do anything or accomplish anything to be loved and accepted by God.

However, there are those that view you differently. They want to take this wonderful life God has given you and use it for their own desire. Their value system has become so distorted they will do anything for money, they want to sell drugs to you, hoping to take everything in your life they can for their own pleasure. If you are a parent, they do not care about your children. If you are a child or a young person, their desire is to reduce the quality of your life to that of a "junkie". Unlike God, they desire to give you nothing, but they will take anything and everything from you.

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This Pretty 3 Bedroom brick is almost completed. 2 baths, great room with fireplace, formal dining, large kitchen with lots of pretty cabinets, inside laundry room, storage, double carport. It really has too many amenities to name. Located on Highland Drive. Priced in the middle 60's.

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**Kindergarten Registration To Be Held Friday May 3 At Elba Elementary School**

Kindergarten registration for Elba City Schools will be Friday, May 3, 8:30-3:30 at the elementary school office.

Students must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 1991 to be enrolled in the state sponsored Kindergarten.

Parents will need to bring their child's certified birth certificate, social security card, and blue immunization certificate with them for registration.

Educational services are available to all students. Handicap services are available for ages 3-5 with certain handicaps.

Registration will be going on at the Elba Elementary School, 8:30-3:30. It is very important that you register your child, in order to get an accurate count of students.

Remember now this creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail, because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Thinking of You, Praying for You.

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Mrs. Annie M. Siler  
Master Macell Cole  
Mrs. Mary Jackson  
Mr. John L. Bullard  
Mr. Buford Kelley

Wiley and Juanita Belcher Brooks, Wiley De'Nard/Ree'Nita Na Tessa

Wiley and Juanita Belcher Brooks met in Montgomery, Alabama on the Campus of Alabama State University. They have been married 5 years and have two children (a boy and a girl), De'Nard is 4 years old and Ree'Nita is 1 1/2 years old.

Juanita is the daughter of Grover and Edna Lindsey Belcher, Elba, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Tillman Lindsey and the late Olive and Hattie Belcher.

Earlier, the monies received from out-of-county and out-of-state collectors were also being put into the escrow account.

Eagerston said, "Mr. Adams, everything is on the books over there. If the state auditors want to come look at them, they're welcome to do that. We don't have anything to be harassed and that's all you

Reports on the sewer project, possible future projects, local cable company's charitable program, and miscellaneous business filled New Brockton City Council's agenda in Monday night's meeting.

Ewing suggested to the council that they might possibly qualify for funding of a housing rehabilitation (cost-shared with owners) project or maybe a drainage project. He also mentioned a planning grant involving the up-dating of city maps of streets and water & sewer lines.

The council decided to study all options open to them before making a commitment.

John Bowden, General Manager of Century Cable TV of Enterprise, advised the councilmen of the present charitable project being undertaken by the cable company.

The company is presently offering free cable hook-up to new customers and up-grading of services to present customers for a \$10 fee. The company in turn donates the money to the Coffee County Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

To date, over \$4,000 has been raised for the organization.

In the past, the company has donated \$500 to the local rescue squad, \$500 to the Senior Citizens Organization and \$5,000 to the Coffee County Training Center.

The mayor and council expressed appreciation for the company's generosity to the local organizations.

The rezoning of the Brooks property located east of town on U. S. Highway 84 was approved by the council. It was changed from agricultural to business in order to attract the Shriners to hold the annual Chicken Festival on the site.

Location of the land is just east of the Wilkins Industrial Park on 84. Residents in the area of the rezoned land were assured by the council that they would monitor the situation closely and should any problems arise - they would be addressed immediately.

Other action taken by the council included the following:

James Richardson was hired temporarily as a police officer. He was hired to replace Officer Johnny May who had resigned from the force. Richardson has been serving as an auxiliary officer. Permanent hiring is pending Richardson's meeting all state law enforcement requirements.

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While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail, because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Thinking of You, Praying for You.

Mrs. Pearl Tillis  
Mrs. Annie M. Siler  
Master Macell Cole  
Mrs. Mary Jackson  
Mr. John L. Bullard  
Mr. Buford Kelley

Wiley and Juanita Belcher Brooks, Wiley De'Nard/Ree'Nita Na Tessa

Wiley and Juanita Belcher Brooks met in Montgomery, Alabama on the Campus of Alabama State University. They have been married 5 years and have two children (a boy and a girl), De'Nard is 4 years old and Ree'Nita is 1 1/2 years old.

Juanita is the daughter of Grover and Edna Lindsey Belcher, Elba, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Tillman Lindsey and the late Olive and Hattie Belcher.

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**Adams again quizzes commission on 1/2¢ tax revenue**

by Marvin McIlwain

Editor

Monday morning's Coffee County Commission meeting had a few sparks, but no full blown fire!

Once again, Mr. Dwight Adams appeared before the commission inquiring as to how much monies had been collected during the time the 1/2¢ sales tax was in force and how much, if any, had been spent. Also, he asked how much interest had been accumulated by the tax funds which had been placed in an escrow account.

Commission Chairman Billy Eagerston responded to Mr. Adams by stating that the figures he was requesting were available to him and anyone else who wished to see them.

Eagerston said, "I have them (the figures) at our office. I thought you were going to come by and get them and pick them up over there."

Adams stated that he had learned that some businesses outside of the county and the state were continuing to collect the tax since it had been ruled illegal to do so some fifteen months ago. He asked what was being done to correct this situation.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley related to Adams that he had received some monies, but the amounts were very small.

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